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- (1) Copy of Japanese Office Action (Notification of Reasons for Refusal) dated November 7, 2005, issued in a counterpart Japanese application, and an English translation thereof; and
- (2) Copy of Japanese Office Action (Notification of Reasons for Refusal) dated May 25, 2006, issued in said counterpart Japanese application, and an English translation thereof.

Japanese document 05-192367, cited in both of the Japanese Office Actions identified above, was submitted to the USPTO with the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 16, 2007. All of the other documents cited in said Japanese Office Actions were submitted to the USPTO with the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 20, 2006.

Japanese Utility Model Application No. 05-55324, cited in both of the Japanese Office Actions, published as JP 07-21020. JP 07-21020 is listed in the Form PTO/SB/08A filed July 20, 2007.

The English translations of said Japanese Office Actions, provided herewith, satisfy the requirements for a concise explanation of relevance for the previously submitted non-English language publications cited therein (MPEP 609.04(a) III).

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the present Information Disclosure Statement and the prior Information Disclosure Statements, and make all of the documents cited by Applicants of record.

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